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From the Dean

Dear Friends,

At OU Law, we are committed to providing new ways to educate and prepare the minds and hearts of our students – the next great generation of lawyers and leaders. In this issue of *Sooner Lawyer*, you will read about an exciting and important new fellowship program designed to support OU Law graduates who serve the public good; the opening of our new Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center; and the adoption and creation of e-textbooks by our world-class faculty.

Last year, the Gallogly Family Foundation approached OU Law to serve as the pilot school for its public interest fellowship program. Together with alumnus Jim Gallogly ('77) and his daughter and Executive Director of the Gallogly Family Foundation, Kasey DeLuke, we opened new possibilities to our graduates who are interested in public interest work. The prestigious Gallogly Family Foundation Public Interest Fellowship Program launched last fall with three OU Law alumnae as its first cohort of fellows. This program is one of the most important of its kind in the country. You can learn more about this exciting new program on page 2.

In September, we opened the doors to the new, cutting-edge Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center. It was a memorable event that afforded us the opportunity to say thank you to Inasmuch Foundation for its generous support, and to look forward as we build upon the important work that lies ahead for our Digital Initiative. We are especially thankful to OU Law alumni and Board of Visitors members Bob and Bill Ross and Tricia Everest for their involvement in making the Inasmuch CLC possible. In its first semester of operation, the Inasmuch CLC saw a great deal of activity and excitement from students and faculty. I hope you enjoy seeing a glimpse of the dedication ceremony on pages 6-11, along with photos of our students using the space.

Our second feature (page 12) focuses on the development of e-textbooks, an integral part of our Digital Initiative. Two of our own faculty members – professors Joseph Thai and Steven Cleveland – have created e-textbooks as a way to enhance student engagement and overall learning. It also has the benefit of cutting costs for students in a meaningful way. Their work proves the tradition of paper texts in law school is nearing its end, and they are putting our students ahead of the curve in preparation.

With each new issue of *Sooner Lawyer*, we are excited to share the new ways we are acting as an innovative leader in legal education. But we know that none of what we do would be possible without you. Thank you for being a part of the OU Law family and for using your talents for dedicated service and leadership.

Warmest regards,

Joseph Harroz Jr.

Dean and Professor

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GALLOGLY FAMILY FOUNDATION

HELPING OU LAW GRADS IMPACT SOCIETY

BY MACKENZIE DILBECK AND JONELLA FRANK

Students who choose to attend law school are typically motivated by a desire to help others and make a difference in the world. For some law students, that desire to help is focused on our poorest and most vulnerable citizens. Many first-year students arrive with an established passion to represent the underserved. For others, the desire is fueled as a result of their OU Law experiences.

On opening day of orientation, each 1L is invited to pledge to perform 50 or 100 hours of pro bono service during his or her law school career. In this year's incoming class, 99 percent pledged 50 or more hours. The Public Interest Law Student Association (PILSA), a student-driven organization devoted to developing a culture of commitment to public service, works to connect students with qualified and meaningful volunteer placement opportunities. Summer fellowships are available for students working a minimum of 200 hours in the summer, with the amounts awarded dependent upon availability of funds. Each spring, PILSA honors students' pro bono service hours and announces the summer fellows.

Now, through the inspired generosity of Jim Gallogly ('77) and his daughter, Kasey DeLuke, a new postgraduate fellowship

opportunity is available to recent OU Law grads – the Gallogly Family Foundation Public Interest Fellowship Program. It was created by the Gallogly Family Foundation to increase the number of people who receive much-needed legal services and to help new lawyers pursue a career in public interest law. The OU College of Law was selected to serve as the pilot school for the new program.

"We are grateful to our alumnus, Jim Gallogly, and Gallogly Family Foundation Executive Director Kasey DeLuke for choosing to provide OU Law graduates with this remarkable opportunity," said OU College of Law Dean Joe Harroz. "Our alumni and friends continue to create opportunities for our students to pursue the careers of their dreams, and we are confident OU Law's participation in the program will open the door to meaningful public interest work for our students."

Jim Gallogly had a highly successful career in oil and gas, holding many executive positions with Phillips, Chevron Phillips Chemical and ConocoPhillips before being named chief executive officer of LyondellBassell Industries. He led the company out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy, transforming it into what is now one of the world's largest plastics, chemical

"Our family agreed that we wanted to start a program that would **HELP NARROW THIS JUSTICE GAP."**

— KASEY DELUKE



PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS

The Gallogly family (left to right) is Kim Gallogly, Kasey DeLuke, Jim Gallogly, Janet Gallogly, and Kelly Gray.

Photo by the Nexus Open Air Photobooth

and refining companies. He currently serves on the DuPont board of directors, where he provides leadership in corporate governance and strategic planning.

DeLuke has served as the executive director of the Gallogly Family Foundation since 2014. She received her undergraduate degree in environmental studies from the University of Colorado before attending American University Washington College of Law. Following law school, she worked as a law clerk for a Wisconsin Court of Appeals judge prior to assuming leadership of the family foundation.

Explaining how the idea for the fellowship program developed, DeLuke said, "We have three lawyers in our immediate family including myself, my father, and my brother-in-law, Kyle Gray. We knew that a person's ability to access justice was often determined by their financial circumstances. Our family agreed that we wanted to start a program that would help narrow this justice gap."

Different options were explored and the family decided a public interest law fellowship, patterned after existing programs like the prestigious Skadden Fellowship Program and Equal Justice Works Fellowships, was the model they



would pursue. "Through the fellowship program, we would increase access to critical legal services, while helping new lawyers from our alma maters get a start in public interest law," said DeLuke.

Each Gallogly Fellowship includes a compensation and benefits package of \$50,000 and is awarded for one year, with the option to renew for an additional year. Fellows work for a domestic 501(c)(3) nonprofit on a new or existing project within the organization. Qualified organizations provide legal services to the poor and/or those deprived of their civil or human rights. As part of the application process, applicants propose their own organization and project to the foundation for consideration.

After receiving all application packets, the foundation reviewed them and chose the applicants to be interviewed at OU Law. After considering each candidate's

qualifications and proposed work, the foundation's board of directors voted to select the first-ever Gallogly Family Foundation Fellows.

"The Gallogly Family Foundation is thrilled to partner with OU Law on this important project," said DeLuke. "Dean Harroz and the OU Career Development staff helped us with all aspects of developing and implementing the program. We were so grateful for their expertise and support. We knew we started the program at the right school."

For 2017 fellowships, the program was expanded to include American University Washington College of Law. "We may expand it to more law schools in the future, but for now we are focusing on OU and AU," DeLuke said. "We are proud of our first fellows and are grateful that we can support the critical work they will do serving others."

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THE INAUGURAL GALLOGLY FAMILY FOUNDATION FELLOWS ARE 2016 OU LAW ALUMNAE:

GE'ANDRA JOHNSON



CORIE O'ROURKE



MARY BETH WILLIAMS



GE'ANDRA JOHNSON

studied psychology, earning both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in the field. While working in the mental health profession, she realized the population she was serving was largely unaware of their rights. "It was this realization, in part, that led me to pursue a law degree," Johnson said. "I wanted to serve as an advocate for those who were underserved and underrepresented."

During her second year of law school, she began working as a legal intern at the Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Oklahoma Inc., the only full-service private nonprofit organization in Oklahoma dedicated to fair housing enforcement and advocacy. Johnson loved the work, but realized that as a grant-funded nonprofit organization, resources were very limited. "I saw the Gallogly Family Foundation Public Interest Fellowship as an opportunity to continue

making a difference by doing the work I love, while allowing the organization to use more of its resources to help the populations we serve," Johnson said.

She works with the Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Oklahoma Inc. investigating claims of housing discrimination and ensuring compliance with state and federal fair housing laws by both landlords and tenants. In addition, she assists individuals who have been

subjected to unfair housing practices in the filing and processing of their claims for relief.

In this job, Johnson is able to do precisely what she intended when she began her educational journey. "I gain tremendous fulfillment from it," she said. "When clients return to the office to let me know that my services helped them to gain access to equal housing, stopped them from being illegally evicted or helped them receive reasonable accommodations based on a disability, it reminds me that what I do makes a difference."



CORIE O'ROURKE has aspired to solve the world's problems since childhood.

With this early focus, earning an undergraduate degree in international and area studies with a minor in Spanish made perfect sense, as did completing OU Law's joint degree program, resulting in a juris doctor degree and a master of arts in international studies.

Following her 1L year, O'Rourke spent the summer in London working as a legal research intern for the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law working on a project titled "Barriers to Access to Justice." The next summer, she began working as case manager and legal research assistant for a Norman attorney whose practice included employment-based immigration cases.

"For as long as I can remember, public service has been an important part of my life. I grew up volunteering regularly with the food bank, animal shelters and Girl Scouts' service projects," said O'Rourke. "I knew I wanted to work in public service after law school graduation, so

when I learned about the fellowship, it seemed like a perfect opportunity."

Because she wanted to live in Washington, D.C., and work in immigration law, she contacted nonprofit immigration organizations in the area and explained the fellowship opportunity. She interviewed with several organizations interested in participating in the program, ultimately selecting Ayuda, and completed her fellowship application packet.

O'Rourke now works at Ayuda, which serves immigrants from more than 104 countries by providing legal support in various situations, including family-based immigration applications, humanitarian applications and naturalization petitions. "I essentially work as an immigration staff attorney," said O'Rourke. "I have a caseload of clients I represent in their various immigration legal needs. I file immigration applications for clients, represent them in immigration court and in state court, and accompany them to immigration interviews."



MARY BETH WILLIAMS

has been devoted to working for nonprofit organizations and political or issue campaigns since her days as an undergraduate. By her 2L year, she knew she wanted a legal career focused on American Indian law, so she spent the summer working as a law clerk with the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

When Williams learned of the fellowship opportunity, she was in Washington, D.C., completing a legal externship with

the Department of Justice Office of Tribal Justice. She contacted Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Inc. about serving as a partnering organization for the fellowship, and OILS agreed. In applying for the fellowship Williams said, "As a proud citizen of the Cherokee nation, I would like to work for an organization that is dedicated to assisting tribal members in their time of need."

Williams is spending her fellowship, based in the Oklahoma City OILS office, assisting low-income Indian people with civil legal issues impacting them as members of a federally recognized tribe. "Given my experience working with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, I am acutely aware of the need for legal services in Native communities," she explained. "OILS provides an exceptional opportunity in terms of the potential for responsibility and direct involvement with tribal members and tribes."

Most of Williams' caseload involves serving as guardian ad litem for numerous cases in tribal court. Her remaining work involves drafting and executing wills, living wills and powers of attorney for low-income tribal members across the state. By shadowing senior attorneys at OILS, she also is learning the procedures of probating an estate and processing expungements.

"My experience will serve as a reminder to me that the lives and rights of Native people often rest in the hands of attorneys dedicated to representing them," Williams said. "The work I get to do each day impacts the lives of a drastically underrepresented population in Oklahoma." | **SL** |



INASMUCH FOUNDATION COLLABORATIVE LEARNING CENTER

Officially open for business

The new **Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center** was dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 26 with OU Law alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students in attendance. The cutting-edge space in the main entrance to the Donald E. Pray Law Library is named in recognition of Inasmuch Foundation's generous \$1.5 million gift to create the center.

The center represents a transformation from traditional legal research and study to 21st-century skills development and collaboration. The space features two virtual reality stations; four new multimedia study rooms; a flipped seminar classroom; a fully equipped computer lab with dual-monitor stations; moveable whiteboard desks and stands; Brody WorkLounges; a "genius station" for research support; a café; and cooperative learning spaces for student collaboration. | **SL** |

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Pictured left to right: OU Law Student Bar Association President Megan Anson, OU Law Associate Dean of the Law Library Darin Fox ('92), OU President David L. Boren ('68), Inasmuch Foundation Chairman and CEO William J. Ross ('54), Inasmuch Foundation Advisory Committee Member Tricia Everest ('03) and OU Law Dean Joe Harroz.

OU President David L. Boren addresses the crowd, acknowledging and thanking Inasmuch Foundation, prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

OU President David L. Boren presents commemorative architectural renderings of the center to Inasmuch Foundation Chairman and CEO Bill Ross and Inasmuch Foundation Advisory Committee Member Tricia Everest.

Photos by Travis Caperton



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In the flipped seminar classroom, students and faculty can adapt the space to the most suitable learning environment. Movable desks, chairs and whiteboards provide flexible options for student collaboration and for how a professor conducts class.

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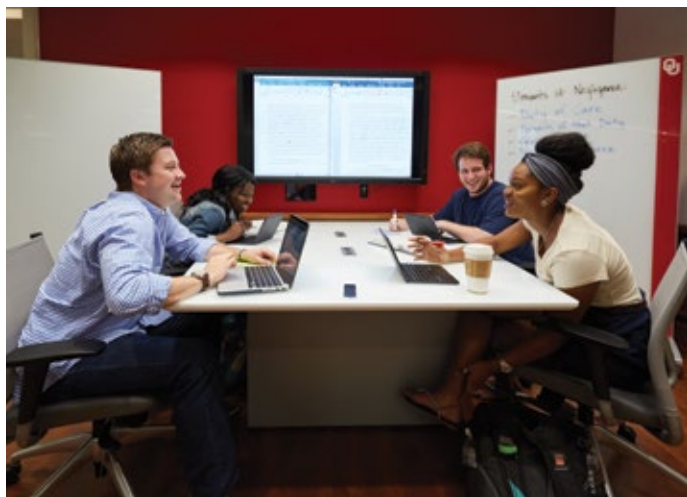
Four new state-of-the-art multimedia study rooms equipped with the latest technology accommodate collaborative study groups.

The Brody WorkLounge is the reimagined study carrel, providing a high-performance, one-stop workstation for students with comfortable seating and accessible electrical outlets.

Photos by Josh McCulloch







**“BECAUSE OF INASMUCH
FOUNDATION’S GENEROSITY,**
we now have this 21st-century
space that serves as a critical
element of our Digital Initiative.”

—OU COLLEGE OF LAW DEAN JOE HARROZ



Two virtual reality stations — loaded with interactive modules like simulated surgeries and detailed oil rig renderings — enable students to experience the law virtually and explore resources not previously available to law students.

OU President David L. Boren, Inasmuch Foundation Chairman and CEO Bill Ross and Dean Joe Harroz enjoy a private moment after the ceremony.

The heart of the Inasmuch CLC features a fully equipped computer lab with dual-monitor stations, large corner monitors and movable whiteboard stands, all suited for small or large group collaboration.

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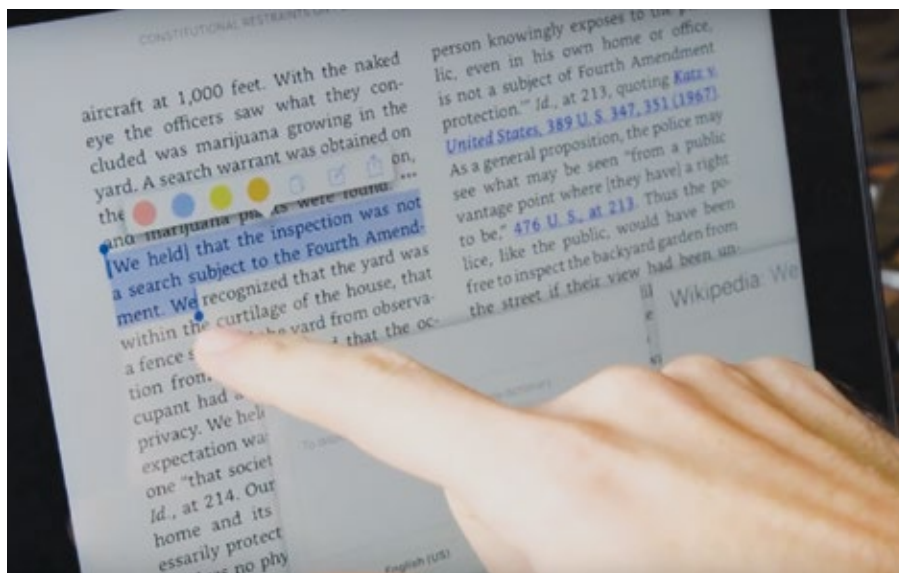
E-TEXTBOOKS

ANOTHER ADVANCE FOR OU LAW'S DIGITAL INITIATIVE

BY JONELLA FRANK

OU Law's college-wide Digital Initiative, launched in 2014, continues to grow in practice and influence. Composed of three elements – the common platform of the iPad, distributed to all students and faculty at no cost; intensive educational iPad training sessions with record attendance; and the Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center – the Initiative provides OU Law students with an immersive learning experience, preparing them to be better students and one day, better lawyers.

Students have enthusiastically embraced all facets of the Digital Initiative. More than 96 percent report they are satisfied or very satisfied with the innovations and training available to them. Some students have quickly seen the advantages of utilizing the available resources to develop their technological expertise and increase productivity, and have participated in more than three times the required number of iPad training sessions. Last academic year, 2,100 attendees participated in more than 100 different



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iPad training sessions, and this year, the sessions are projected to attract 2,500 to 3,000 attendees.

In addition to providing enhanced productivity and helpful legal applications, the iPad supports and streamlines a student's life through the use of electronic textbooks (e-textbooks). By downloading the free Kindle reading app, students are able to purchase e-textbooks and download them to their iPad and/or computer, usually for about 25 percent less than the cost of a print version.

E-textbooks allow students to highlight text in multiple colors, insert and organize notes, search for keywords and copy and paste text into a Word document. Authors can include multimedia modules featuring videos, photos, documents, maps or music that can make the book more engaging for students.



Professor Joe Thai, who regularly teaches classes on criminal procedure and First Amendment, has been a member of the OU Law faculty for 14 years. He

estimates that for more than half of those years, he used physical textbooks in his

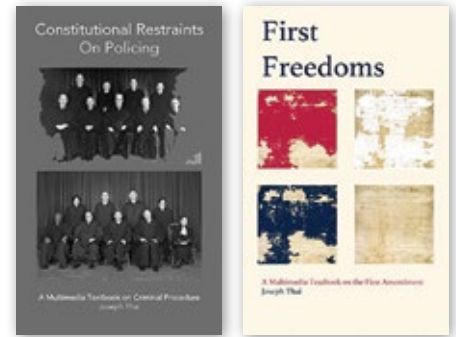
classes. He was satisfied with the quality of the content, but the books were not user-friendly.

"Physical textbooks have gotten thicker, heavier and more expensive over the years, straining students' backs and budgets. But they have not gotten easier to use," said Thai. "Content remains confined to physical volumes — not only the text but also user-added highlights and notes. After highlighting and annotating a 1,000-page tome, it can be a daunting task for students to extract and organize all that valuable information."

Thai thought there had to be a smarter approach. "With digital textbooks, the materials can be searched, sorted and exported with ease. More and more people were reading novels on their devices and sharing highlights and notes on websites and social networks," he said. "If book clubs could take reading into the digital age, why couldn't law schools? I thought we could do better, so I decided to try."

Writing your own textbook allows you to include the exact content you want to teach. Thai compares it to wearing a custom-tailored suit. However, the author is not confined to just text on a page.

"Learning law can be more engaging and relevant when textbooks do not



just present words on a page but also connect to the real world,” he said. “A digital textbook can give context to a case by taking readers to a photograph of a person, a street view of a place or a video of an event.”

Multimedia modules are particularly helpful to students as they help bring to life a process or concept the student has just read about in a case. “Students can read a series of cases on stops and frisks, but nothing beats a cellphone video of a stop and frisk in action for students to witness the human dynamics that text cannot convey and to which students can apply all the concepts they’ve learned,” Thai said.

Students cite the range of modules as helping make complex legal concepts more real. “That gives you greater context, and it’s just more engaging for the readers,” said third-year student Stan West. “It’s more concrete when you can, after reading through the case law, just click on the link and you can actually see the real world application.”

Today’s students learn and study differently than ever before. In the past, it was more common for students to study alone. At OU Law, students are consistently seen studying in groups. “Many millennials prefer learning collaboratively,” Thai said. “Through popular highlights and integration with social platforms, digital textbooks make it easier than ever for today’s students to turn reading into a group experience.”

In addition to seeing how many other readers highlighted a particular passage, students also are able to filter or sort their highlights or export the highlighted text directly to their outlines. The ease of portability of the e-textbook also is an important factor. As West described, “It’s on your laptop or iPad and you can just access it on there. You don’t have to lug a big book around.” Students who are initially resistant to using a digital textbook tend to be believers before the end of the semester.



Professor Steven J. Cleveland also has authored an e-textbook for use in his class on corporations. Principal cases used in the book have been edited

to 10 pages or less with hyperlinks to the full texts. Along with statutory provisions, law review articles and news stories, Cleveland provides the reader with video clips from the movies “Wall Street,” “Casino” and “Elf” to enhance the reader’s educational experience.

To offer a practical component to the textbook, some of the multimedia modules illustrate what stock certificates and proxy cards look like, show the employment contract of a Hollywood executive or display Facebook’s Certificate of Incorporation. “I have never used an e-textbook, and I was amazed at all the resources that were inside,” said one



In the fall semester of 2016, the students enrolled in Corporations saved an aggregate of \$8,750 by using Cleveland’s e-textbook.



OU Law's Digital Initiative continues to provide students with the tools they will need to succeed in the rapidly evolving world and legal profession.

of Cleveland's former students. "All the diagrams in the book were very helpful and will help me in the future."

Previously, Cleveland required students to purchase two traditionally published books — a compilation of cases and a compilation of statutes — that cost each student an aggregate of \$300. Now, each student pays only \$50 for a single book that includes cases, statutes and all of the aforementioned multimedia extras, while also being more user-friendly than a traditionally published book. In the fall semester of 2016, the students enrolled in Corporations saved an

aggregate of \$8,750 by using Cleveland's e-textbook, rather than the traditionally published books.

OU Law's Digital Initiative continues to provide students with the tools they will need to succeed in the rapidly evolving world and legal profession. E-textbooks are part of the package available to OU Law students, helping them become some of the most technologically adept law graduates in the nation. | **SL** |

News briefs

1960s

Tom McDaniel ('63) was selected to receive the 2017 Leadership Oklahoma Lifetime Achievement Award. He is president of American Fidelity Foundation and former president of Oklahoma City University. He currently chairs Oklahoma City's Metropolitan Area Projects building initiative.

James M. Sturdivant ('64) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, energy law, antitrust litigation, securities litigation and capital markets law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Pat Phelps ('65) received the Distinguished Achievement Award from Sigma Tau Gamma national fraternity. He serves as attorney for the city of Durant, Oklahoma, and chief judge of the Appellate Division of the

Court of General Jurisdiction of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

David L. Russell ('65) received the 2016 Oklahoma Baptist University Alumni Achievement Award. He is a senior judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, where he has served for 34 years.

Sheppard F. Miers Jr. ('66) was named by *Best Lawyers* as the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" for tax law in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.

Reid Robison ('68) was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

1970s

Keith B. Aycock ('72) retired as district judge in Comanche County, a position he had held since 2002. He previously served as special judge and assistant district attorney in addition to being in private practice.

Robert T. Luttrell ('73) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for both banking and finance law and financial services regulation law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is of counsel with McAfee & Taft.

G. Blaine Schwabe III ('74) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights, insolvency and reorganization law, bet-the-company litigation and commercial litigation. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Deborah C. Shallcross ('74) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for family law. She is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Steven W. Taylor ('74) retired from the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Prior to being appointed to the Supreme Court, he practiced law in McAlester, Oklahoma, and served as associate district judge in Pittsburgh County as well as district judge of the 18th Judicial District.

Susan E. Bryant ('75) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 for securities regulation and was named the "Lawyer of the Year" in securities regulation for Portland, Maine. She practices with Verrill Dana LLP.

John Hermes ('75) was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder and general counsel of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

John A. Kenney ('75) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for trade secrets law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017, and was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Robert M. Murphy ('75) was honored as an American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law Reunification Hero for his handling of a case in Payne County, Oklahoma, where he served as associate district judge. He currently serves as an administrative law judge in Spokane, Washington.



Micheal Salem ('75) received the Joe Stamper Distinguished Service Award at the 2016 annual meeting of the Oklahoma Bar Association. The award recognized his 27 years of service on the OBA Clients' Security Fund Committee.

He practices at Salem Law Offices in Norman, Oklahoma.



Larry Derryberry

April 22, 1939 – November 19, 2016

Larry Derryberry was born and raised in southwestern Oklahoma, graduating from high school in Altus as the salutatorian of his class. Active in the 4-H Club, he won the first speech contest he entered and eventually was named the 4-H State Public Speaking Champion. Derryberry credited the 4-H program for leading him to his career in government and law. He continued his association with the organization as a member of the 4-H Foundation, which he continued to support throughout his career.

Derryberry attended the University of Oklahoma, earning a bachelor's degree in history in 1961 and a juris doctor degree in 1963. As a second-year student at OU Law, he was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives representing Jackson County, a post he held for eight years. Following law school graduation, Derryberry married Gale Brazil and they established their first home in Altus, where he practiced law and served in the Legislature. Highlights of his legislative career include authoring the bill creating the Oklahoma Ethics Commission, chairing the Joint Committee on Congressional Redistricting and serving in leadership positions of assistant majority floor leader and speaker pro tempore.

Derryberry was elected attorney general in 1970, and the Derryberry family, which now included son Darren and daughter Dara, moved to Oklahoma City. As attorney general, he established the Consumer Protection Division and the State Narcotics Commission as parts of the AG's office. He also was responsible for the prosecution and ouster from office of a number of Oklahoma politicians.

In 1979, Derryberry returned to the practice of law, establishing a law firm in Oklahoma City. He was recognized as a successful attorney in matters relating to government law, health care and insurance.

Derryberry was a poet, a songwriter and an author. His first children's book, *The Oklahoma Scranimal*, was selected as an Oklahoma Centennial Children's book in 2007. He had seven published books and wrote more than 50 songs, including ballads, children's and religious songs. Derryberry also was a faithful member of the OU College of Law Board of Visitors.

He is survived by his wife, Gale; son and daughter-in-law, Darren and Cindy Derryberry; daughter, Dara M. Derryberry; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Sharon Derryberry; niece, Toni Ewing; four grandchildren; and a numerous cousins, nephews and other relatives.

Eric R. King ('76) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for energy law, regulatory enforcement and oil and gas law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Thomas C. Riney ('76) was named to the "Top 100" 2016 Texas *Super Lawyers* list as published in *Texas Monthly*, marking his eighth year to receive this honor. He is a partner with Riney & Mayfield LLP in Amarillo, where his practice focuses on civil trial work.

Thomas Gruber ('77) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for administrative/regulatory law. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Kevin Kuhn ('77) was inducted as a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a partner of Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP in Denver.

Michael W. Thom ('77) received the 2016 Maurice Merrill Golden Quill Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association. He practices in Bethany, Oklahoma, concentrating in the areas of probate, estate planning and fiduciary litigation.

Linda Albright Wilkins ('77) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 and was named the Dallas Lawyer of the Year for employee benefits law. She practices with Wilkins Finston Friedman Law Group LLP in the firm's Dallas office.

Joseph Bocock ('78) was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Noma Gurich ('78) was elected vice chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. She has served on the Supreme Court since 2011, after prior judicial service on the Workers' Compensation Court and the Oklahoma County District Court.

Brian T. Hermanson ('78) was named District Attorney of the Year from the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council. He serves as district attorney for Kay and Noble counties.

Gary W. Derrick ('79) received the 2016 John E. Shipp Award for Ethics from the Oklahoma Bar Association. He practices with Derrick & Briggs LLP in Oklahoma City, specializing in corporate and securities law.

Glen D. Johnson ('79) was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. He also was elected treasurer of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Executive Committee and to a fourth term as vice chair of the Southern Regional Education Board. He has served as chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education since 2007.

Graydon D. Luthey Jr. ('79) was named by *Best Lawyers* as the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" for gaming law in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.

Judy Hamilton Morse ('79) was named one of the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" for 2016 by industry guidebook, *Benchmark Litigation*. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

1980s

John R. Hargrave ('80) announced his retirement from serving as president of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, to be effective in the spring of 2017. Prior to assuming the position in July 2009, he was managing partner of the Edmonds Cole Law Firm in Oklahoma City.

L. Patrice Latimer ('80) was inducted into the Oklahoma State University Diversity Hall of Fame. In 1975, she was the first African American student at OSU to be elected president of the Student Government Association. Her legal career ranged from criminal prosecution in Oklahoma to civil, employment and labor litigation in Washington, D.C.



John M. Settle ('80) was honored with the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association's Lifetime Achievement Award at the organization's annual meeting. He serves as the Pawnee County Attorney and Counselor, a position he has held since 1995.

Farley Ward ('80) retired in September from his service as district attorney for Oklahoma District 18, which covers Haskell and Pittsburg counties. He was elected to the position in 2010, but had previously maintained a private practice and served as an assistant district attorney and as a special judge.

Elizabeth Scott Wood ('80) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for employment law – management in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

W. Chris Coleman ('82) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for corporate compliance law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder and industry group leader.

Dean A. Couch ('82) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for water law. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Edna Mae Holden ('82) was appointed to the Oklahoma Humanities Council Board. She is of counsel to Gungoll Jackson, and is based in the firm's Enid, Oklahoma, office, in the oil and gas division.

Annual Alumni Luncheon



The alumni luncheon was in honor of the Inasmuch Foundation for its visionary leadership in the establishing the Collaborative Learning Center. **Bill Ross** ('54) and **Bob Ross** ('99) display their awards.



Darin Fox ('92), OU associate dean and director of the law library, updates alumni on the Digital Initiative and Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center.



Brooke Hamilton receives the Oklahoma Bar Association Outstanding Senior OU Law School Student Award from David Poarch ('77), OBA past president and former OU Law assistant dean.

David D. Hunt II ('82) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for oil and gas law and banking and finance law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Michael J. Hunter ('82) was appointed secretary of state and special counsel to the Oklahoma governor. He previously served as first assistant attorney general.

William S. Leach ('82) was named Tulsa, Oklahoma, "Lawyer of the Year" for product liability defense litigation in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017, and was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Kimber J. Palmer ('82) received the Award of Excellence from the Southwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors. She teaches at the A.R. Sanchez Jr. School of Business at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas, where she serves as the university's pre-law adviser.

Chris Ross ('82) retired as district attorney of Pontotoc County after serving in that position since 2008. He began his almost-35-year career as an Oklahoma prosecutor by working as an intern in the Cleveland County District Attorney's Office while attending law school.

Kay Floyd ('83) received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for her continued support of higher education. She has represented Oklahoma State Senate District 46 since 2014, and previously served for two years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Helen Hodges ('83) was honored by Oklahoma State University as a 2016 Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Champion. She is of counsel to Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP in San Diego.

David L. Perryman ('83) was re-elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives representing District 56. He is a partner at Frailey, Chaffin, Cordell, Perryman & Sterkel in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Richard D. Craig ('84) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for tax litigation and controversy law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Renee DeMoss ('84) was named executive director of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation. She had previously practiced law in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with GableGotwals.



David L. Kearney ('85) joined Durbin Larimore & Bialick in the firm's energy and environmental practice. He previously practiced with GableGotwals and Hall Estill.

Richard D. Nix ('85) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for employee benefits/ERISA law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Kimberly J. Korando ('86) was included in the 2017 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for employment law – management and labor law – management. She is a partner of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she leads the firm's employment, labor and human resources practice group.

Shawn E. Arnold ('87) was named to "The Top 10" in 2016 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He practices with Lytle Soulé & Curlee in Oklahoma City, with a focus on civil litigation.

Dennis C. Cameron ('87) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, energy law, environmental litigation, oil and gas law and product liability litigation. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Jeffrey A. Curran ('87) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for insurance law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Patrice Douglas ('87) has become of counsel to Spencer Fane LLP in the firm's Oklahoma City office. She previously spent much of her career in various public service roles and working with private financial institutions.

Jeffrey D. Hassell ('87) was named by *Best Lawyers* as the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" for banking and finance law in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.



OU Law young alumni volunteer September 29 at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.



Elizabeth "Libby" Scott ('87) was named chair of Crowe & Dunlevy's administrative and regulatory practice group. She is a director of the firm, based in the Oklahoma City office.

Timothy J. Bomhoff ('88) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for energy law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 and was named a "Local Litigation Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder and director of McAfee & Taft.

Dan M. Connally ('88) joined Metro First Realty in Oklahoma City as a residential real estate sales associate. He previously served as assistant district attorney for Texas County and worked with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office and the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Brad Henry ('88) joined Spencer Fane in Oklahoma City as an of counsel attorney. He represents clients in both the public and private sectors in government and administrative law. He served as Oklahoma's governor from 2003 until 2011.

Catherine Mardon ('88) was awarded the True Grit Award from the Lieutenant Governor's Circle on Mental Health and Addiction of Alberta, Canada. Retired from a practice that included representing homeless, disabled and mentally ill people, she is an author, lecturer and advocate for the disabled.

John D. Russell ('88) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Robert B. Sartin ('88) was named "Lawyer of the Year" for health care law in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder and director of Barrow & Grimm PC, where his areas of concentration include commercial, employment, estate planning and health care litigation and transactions.

Joe E. White Jr. ('88) was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates and was named to 2016 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* for personal injury (plaintiff). He is the senior partner at White & Weddle PC in Oklahoma City.

Shelly A. Youree ('88) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 and Texas *Super Lawyers* 2016 for employee benefits law and tax law. She is a partner of Thompson & Knight LLP, where she practices in the firm's offices in Dallas and Los Angeles.

1990s

Michael Lauderdale ('90) was named a "Local Litigation Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder and managing director of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



Bradley C. West ('90) was recertified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is a partner at The West Law Firm in Shawnee, Oklahoma, where his practice focuses on plaintiff's trial work.

Richard M. Carson ('91) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for energy law and environmental law. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sam R. Fulkerson ('91) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for labor law – management in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is office managing shareholder at Ogletree Deakins.

Ricky McPhearson ('91) was named the Professional Advocate of the Year by the Oklahoma Bar Association Criminal Law Section. He serves as the first assistant district attorney in Oklahoma District 2, which includes Beckham, Custer, Ellis, Roger Mills and Washita counties.

Anthony L. Rahhal ('91) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for copyright law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Jon Starr ('91) achieved the rank of diplomate with the American Board of Trial Advocates. He leads the district court litigation department of McGivern & Gilliard PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bryan Lester Dupler ('92) published *Sentencing in Oklahoma, 2016-17*, a practitioner's guide to Oklahoma sentencing law and procedure. He has served as a judicial assistant at the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals since 2005, and was previously deputy chief of the Capital Post-Conviction Division of the Indigent Defense System.



Steven P. Logan ('92) received the 2016 Public Service in the Military Award from the Burton Awards Program. He currently is a judge of the U.S. District Court of Arizona in Phoenix. For nearly 27 years, he served

on active duty and in the reserves as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps. He retired from military service with the rank of colonel in May 2016.

Jonathan Nichols ('93) was named vice president for governmental relations at the University of Oklahoma. He previously served 12 years in the Oklahoma State Senate and most recently, as chief of staff and legal counsel for the president pro tempore of the Senate.

Brad Carson ('94) joined The Boston Consulting Group as a senior adviser to its global public sector practice, based in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. He previously served as acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness in the Department of Defense, and, was concurrently the undersecretary of the U.S. Army.

Robert Don Gifford ('96) joined the Oklahoma City office of Gungoll, Jackson, Box & Devoll PC as a senior attorney with a practice emphasis in white-collar crime, Indian law and complex civil litigation. He received the Oklahoma Bar Association Criminal Law Section Cardozo Award for his contributions to the section, and was named its chair-elect.



Tracy Poole ('93) became of counsel to McAfee & Taft in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he joins the firm's energy and oil and gas practice. He previously worked as a corporate executive in the energy industry and outside counsel to various

energy and power companies while in private practice.

L. Don Smitherman ('93) was selected for the McAlester Athletic Hall of Fame. He is of counsel to Moricoli, Kellogg & Gleason PC in Oklahoma City.

Elaine DeGiusti ('94) joined Meyer, Leonard and Edinger PLLC in Oklahoma City. Her practice is focused in the areas of general business and commercial litigation.

Regina Gregory ('96) was appointed senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of American Midstream Partners LP in Houston. She previously served as general counsel, vice president and corporate secretary of Traverse Midstream Partners LP.

Andrew A. Ingram ('96) was included in 2016 *The Legal 500 US*, *Texas Super Lawyers* 2016 and *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 for real estate law. He is the real estate practice leader for Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas.

Brandon R. Webb ('96) was named human resources director for the Joplin School District in Joplin, Missouri. He has previously served as staff attorney for the Oklahoma State School Boards Association and associate general counsel for the Oklahoma Education Association.



Erika Bright ('97) was listed in the 2017 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for insurance law. She is a partner at Wick Phillips in Dallas, where her practice areas include commercial, construction and insurance coverage litigation.

Christa Sullivan ('97) joined Meyer, Leonard and Edinger PLLC in Oklahoma City. Her practice includes real estate, commercial law, and business and financial transactions.

Jeff L. Todd ('97) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for water law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017, and was named a "Local Litigation Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Jennifer Wheeler ('97) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for securities regulation law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

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We Remember

Thomas M. Bartheld ('84)

Jo Barton ('55)

Charles Wayne Brown ('80)

Donald L. Deason ('79)

James F. Deaton ('81)

Larry Derryberry ('63)

Dennis J. Downing ('54)

Broc L. Elmore ('11)

James "Jim" M. Erikson ('97)

Kathryn L. Flood ('83)

David R. Garrison ('67)

Hyla Hyde Glover ('83)

Larry Eugene Goins ('92)

Rex Edgar Herren ('74)

William P. Huckin Jr. ('47)

Elton L. Johnson Jr. ('66)

Donald A. Kihle ('67)

Jack Roy Lawrence ('62)

Derril Wayne McGuire ('64)

John Card McMurry ('71)

Kermit M. Milburn ('83)

Val R. Miller ('49)

Thomas Clifton Morgan ('53)

C.D. Northcutt ('38)

Nellie Catherine Perry ('82)

Preston Pulliam ('72)

Robert F. Riddle ('97)

Fred J. Shaeffer ('78)

George David Sherrill Jr. ('70)

William C. Shirey ('56)

Jessie Dan Swift ('56)

Albert Lewis "Lew" Tait ('80)

Elizabeth Cynita Thomas ('09)

John S. Thomas ('73)

Norman Jean Walker ('93)

Larry M. Weber ('67)

Roy H. Wells ('59)

James C. Winterringer ('59)

Susan A. Winters ('90)

Richard L. Wynne Jr. ('97) was included in in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 and *Texas Super Lawyers* 2016 for intellectual property and patent litigation. He is a partner at Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas.



Dawson Engle ('98) was appointed associate district judge for Pottawatomie County. He previously worked as an assistant district attorney in McClain, Pottawatomie and Oklahoma counties, maintained a private practice and served as special judge in Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties.



Gregory S. Luster ('99) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as a director in the firm's Oklahoma City office. He is a member of the firm's corporate and securities and energy, environment and natural resources practice groups.

Gregory R. Rasnake ('99) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as a director in the firm's Oklahoma City office, where he is a member of practice groups for aviation and commercial space, criminal defense, compliance and investigations and administrative and regulatory. He previously worked with the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Commercial Space Transportation.

Amy M. Stipe ('99) was selected as one of the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" in the United States for 2016 by *Benchmark Litigation* and was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for commercial litigation and oil and gas law. She is a shareholder with GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

2000s

Jolisa Melton Dobbs ('00) was named to 2016 *Who's Who Legal 100* for her expertise in energy law and was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 for energy law and oil and gas law. She is a partner at Thompson & Knight LLP, based in the firm's Dallas office.

Todd Woolery ('00) was recognized as a "Future Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder on the Oklahoma City office of McAfee & Taft. His litigation, transactional and business practice is concentrated in the energy and manufacturing industries.

Jennifer Chance ('01) was named general counsel to the Oklahoma governor. Prior to this appointment, she served as deputy general counsel to the governor and assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County.

Mark E. Fields ('01) was elected to the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors. He practices in McAlester, Oklahoma, with Steidley & Neal.

Jonathan A. Mitchell ('01) joined Feirich/Mager/Green/Ryan in Carbondale, Illinois. As a partner, his practice areas include civil litigation, insurance defense, workers' compensation, business and employment law.

Jared Sigler ('01) was appointed as special judge for Washington County, based in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Prior to his appointment, he served as first assistant district attorney for the 11th Judicial District for five years.

J. Craig Buchan ('02) was elected as a shareholder of McAfee & Taft. Based in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, his practice areas include products liability, oil and gas litigation and commercial litigation.

Stephanie Chapman ('02) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for closely held companies and family businesses law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Ron Shinn ('02) was recognized as a "Future Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City with a civil litigation practices focused on complex business disputes.

Stanley L. Evans ('03) received the 2016 Trailblazer Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association, and was appointed to the Board of Trustees for Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa. He is the former assistant dean for students at OU Law, where he now serves as a recruiter and adviser.



Rodney K. Hunsinger II ('03) was named to *Benchmark Litigation's* inaugural "Under 40 Hot List" and was recognized as a "Future Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City, where he maintains a state and federal litigation and arbitration practice.

Chris Hammons ('04) competed on season 33 of the reality competition television series, "Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X." He practices at Laird Hammons Laird in Oklahoma City focusing on personal injury litigation.

Nick Merkley ('04) joined GableGotwals as a new shareholder in the firm's Oklahoma City office. His primary practice will focus on litigation in the areas of energy and products liability.

Sommer Kendall Robbins ('04) became an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma District 3. She previously served as managing attorney for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Child Support Services and was in private practice in Altus, Oklahoma.

C. Brent Dishman ('05) was promoted to lieutenant colonel, U.S. Air Force Reserve. He practices with Dishman Military Advocates PLLC, based in Oklahoma City.

Jodi Dishman ('05) was recognized as a "Future Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Emily Pittman Smith ('05) joined Gungoll Jackson as a senior attorney in the firm's Oklahoma City office. She is an oil and gas attorney with a specialty in matters before the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Trisha Wald ('06) was named chair of the Department of Business and Computer Science in the Everett Dobson School of Business and Technology at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. She has taught at SWOSU since 2008.

Rachel Holt ('07) became general counsel for the State of Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs. She previously served as an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County, working in the juvenile division.

Cara Rodriguez ('07) was named first assistant in the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General, where she previously served as general counsel and assistant solicitor general. Prior to joining that office, she clerked for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.



Reagan E. Bradford ('08) joined The Lanier Firm in the Houston office, where he will be a member of the commercial litigation team. He previously served as deputy general counsel and assistant corporate secretary for Chesapeake Energy Corporation.

Andre' B. Caldwell ('08) was named to the National Black Lawyers list of "Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers in Oklahoma City" and to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hot List." He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy and serves as co-chair of the firm's diversity committee.

Breea Clark ('08) was elected to the City Council in Norman, Oklahoma. She is the associate director of academic integrity programs at the University of Oklahoma.

Jacob Sparks ('08) became of counsel to Spencer Fane LLP and is based in the firm's new Dallas office, where his practice focuses on complex commercial disputes and bankruptcy negotiations and litigations. He previously worked at Scheef & Stone LLP in Frisco, Texas.

Evan G.E. Vincent ('08) was included by *Benchmark Litigation* on its "Under 40 Hot List." He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy based in Oklahoma City, where his practice focuses on complex litigation.



Tyler P. Evans ('09) became of counsel to McAfee & Taft in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he joins the firm's energy and oil and gas practice. He focuses on transactions, mergers and acquisitions, oil and gas title examination, and general corporate matters.

2010s

Michael J. Davis ('10) was promoted to director of compliance and safety at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He previously was coordinator of disability services.

Julia Mills Mettry ('10) has been named partner in the Norman, Oklahoma, firm now known as Allen & Mills PLLC. She has been an associate of the firm since 2011, where her areas of practice include bankruptcy, criminal law, family law and estate planning.

Jordan Russell ('10) was named to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. He previously practiced with Gungoll Jackson in Oklahoma City.

Andrew Foster Shi ('11) was inducted into the Seminole High School Hall of Fame. He is an associate at Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP in San Francisco, where his practice focuses on professional liability defense and complex civil litigation.

Bert Ferrara ('13) was promoted to deputy general counsel with Legacy Reserves LP, an oil and natural gas exploration and production master limited partnership in Midland, Texas. He previously served as associate general counsel.

Jared R. Ford ('13) joined Fellers Snider in Oklahoma City as an associate. His practice focuses on commercial and real estate law. Prior to joining Fellers Snider, he practiced with two firms specializing in oil and gas law.

Kathryn N. Taylor ('13) was appointed senior policy adviser for the Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. She previously served as director of human resources at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Affiliated Companies.

Jason L. Callaway ('14) became an associate at Johnson & Jones PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on insurance defense, general civil litigation, and commercial litigation. He previously served a clerkship with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

David Clay Floyd ('14) rejoined the Floyd Law Firm in Norman, Oklahoma, after earning an LL.M. in Taxation from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in Chicago. He acts as bond counsel for county and municipal political subdivisions, focusing on the tax implications of financing capital improvement projects.

Joshua Merrill ('14) joined the Dallas office of Greenberg Traurig LLP as an associate. His practice focuses on public and private mergers and acquisitions, with an emphasis on representing private equity firms and their portfolio companies.

John S. Wolfe ('14) became an associate of Barrow & Grimm PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on tax matters, including business transactions and estate planning.



Trae Gary (LL.M. '15) was named a "Rising Star" in natural resources law by Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2016. He is the founder of LandownerFirm.com, based in Coalgate, Oklahoma.



Mark Hayes Jr. ('16) became an associate of McAfee & Taft in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma office. His litigation practice concentrates on complex commercial and business disputes.

Hilary Moffett ('15) joined the American Petroleum Institute as director of federal relations. She previously assisted Sen. James Inhofe with his work on the Environment and Public Works Committee. She also worked as director and assistant counsel at the Portland Cement Association.

Jason M. Temple ('15) became an associate at Johnson & Jones PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His areas of practice include corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, business transactions, oil and gas, taxation and estate planning.



Calley B. Campbell ('16) became an associate at Ohnstad Twichell PC in West Fargo, North Dakota. Her practice is focused on general litigation.

Samuel P. Clancy ('16) joined GableGotwals as an associate in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office. His primary focus is transactional and health care law.



Maggie J. Dowdy ('16) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in Oklahoma City. She works in the litigation and trial, energy, environment and natural resources and criminal defense, compliance and investigations practice groups.

Kevin Easley ('16) became an associate of Norman Wohlgemuth Chandler Jeter Barnett & Ray in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice is focused on complex civil litigation. He previously worked three summers as an intern for the firm.

Avery B. Haines ('16) joined the Wright and Dale Law Firm in Guymon, Oklahoma.

Hilary A. Hudson ('16) joined Phillips Murrah in Oklahoma City. Her practice is focused on commercial litigation.

Lindsay N. Kistler ('16) joined Hall Estill as an associate in the firm's Oklahoma City office. Her practice is concentrated on litigation.

Sheridan R. Lindley ('16) became an associate of Barrow & Grimm PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice is concentrated on civil litigation.



Samuel J. Merchant ('16) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in the Oklahoma City office. His practice focuses on business and commercial litigation, with a portion devoted exclusively to representing

management in labor and employment matters.

Kendra M. Norman ('16) joined Phillips Murrah in Oklahoma City. Her areas of practice include mergers and acquisitions and real estate and land use.

Caitlin Buxton Otto ('16) joined the Otto Law Office PLLC in Newton, Iowa, as an associate. Her practice areas include estate planning, wills and probate, real estate and taxation.

Ruth E. Stevens ('16) became an associate of Hall Estill in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice will concentrate primarily on corporate/commercial law.

Jonathan R. Wedel ('16) became an associate of Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on business/corporate law, estate planning and commercial transactions/litigation.

Staff changes

► New faces and titles



Casey T. Delaney returned to OU Law as executive director of development and alumni affairs. In this role, she serves as the senior fundraiser for the College of Law and meets with alumni to maintain and increase their affinity with OU Law.



Lizanne Carlson began as the associate director of admissions in July. She previously practiced law in Columbus, Mississippi. In her new position, she will inform prospective and incoming students on OU Law programs and counsel them on the law school admissions process.



Rhonda Baldwin-Brown started in October as career development coordinator. She has worked at OU for almost 21 years in several departments. Prior to coming to OU Law, she worked at the Price College of Business for the MBA Programs.

► OILS celebrates Fall International Law Week



Third-year student Brooke Hamilton, president of OILS, welcomes members to the start of Fall International Law Week.

On September 12, the Oklahoma International Law Society hosted a luncheon for its members to kick off Fall International Law Week. The luncheon focused on a panel discussion regarding international law and affairs internship opportunities, and provided advice for students on how to apply for internships in this sector. Panelists were Professor Evelyn Aswad, and second-year law students Janny Gandhi, Mackenzie Coplen, Abby Meadors Henderson and Kellie Reidlinger, who discussed their internships in a law firm in Dubai, a nonprofit organization, the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Senate.

OILS also sponsors the International Student Mentorship Program, which selects OU Law students to serve as mentors for current international exchange students at OU Law. At the luncheon, the international exchange students from Austria, China, Germany, Australia and Pakistan met their OU Law mentors.

► OILS hosts international law scholar



Georgetown University scholar Anthony Clark Arend speaks on "The Future of the International Legal System" on September 30.

Georgetown University Professor Anthony Clark Arend spoke on international law issues during two separate presentations at OU Law September 30. During his morning session, his topic was "Human Dignity and Terrorism." He spoke on "The Future of the International Legal System" in the afternoon.

Professor Evelyn Aswad and the Oklahoma International Law Society hosted Arend and coordinated the events. He is a professor and senior associate dean for graduate and faculty affairs in the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and also serves as the director of the Master of Science in Foreign Service Program. Arend's teaching and research interests are in the areas of international law, national security law, human rights and terrorism.

► State Department official visits OU Law

Robert Harris, director of the Legal Office for East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the U.S. State Department spoke at noon September 16 to more than 100 students and faculty on international law aspects of the ongoing dispute about the South China Sea. In another presentation that morning, Harris spoke about issues involving China and human rights.

"Understanding the human rights and rule of law landscape in foreign countries is becoming essential in an interconnected world, particularly when lawyers are increasingly being asked by U.S. businesses about how to engage in foreign markets effectively and in a manner that respects human rights," said Professor Evelyn Aswad, who hosted the visit, along with the Oklahoma International Law Society.



Between his presentations, Robert Harris met with Professor Aswad and OILS members in the Sneed Lounge, where he spoke informally to students about career options.

► Crowe & Dunlevy names Minority Scholars

Second-year students Matthew Bjork and Tiffany Guillot were named OU Law Minority Scholars and received \$10,000 scholarship commitments from Crowe & Dunlevy. Each will receive \$2,000 per semester, an amount that may be renewed in each of the remaining years of law school, based on satisfactory progress and performance.



OU Law Minority Scholars Tiffany Guillot and Matthew Bjork (center) are flanked by members of the Crowe & Dunlevy Diversity Committee. Attorneys are (left to right) Jimmy K. Goodman, committee co-chair; Christopher M. Staine ('10); Timila S. Rother ('90), firm president and CEO; Anthony Hendricks; William H. Hoch, committee co-chair; and André B. Caldwell ('08).

► NALSA celebrates Indigenous Peoples' Day



The Apache Club from the Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma, was featured in the Indigenous Peoples' Day ceremony hosted by the Native American Law Student Association October 10. NALSA and Professor Lindsay Robertson hosted a lunch and learn program prior to the ceremony and reception.

► Orientation Week welcomes students

August 15 – 19





► Board of Visitors 1L Mentoring Reception

First-year students met their BOV mentors at a reception in the Boren Atrium September 26.



► Admission Fall 2016 Open House

Prospective students visit OU Law November 1 for the Fall Open House.



► Calvert Competition draws 42 competitors



Calvert Competition finalists seated in front of the judging panel are Ryan Hunnicutt, Loreli Wright, Hanna Roberts and Jenny Puckett. Final round judges pictured are Assistant Dean Scott Palk ('92), Dean Joe Harroz, Judge David Lewis ('83), Justice Noma Gurich ('78), OU Law Jurist in Residence Wayne Alley, Judge David Russell ('65), Professor Rick Tepker, Deputy Solicitor General Mithun Mansinghani and Judge Stephen Friot ('72).

Second- and third-year students competed in multiple rounds of the 2016 Calvert Moot Court Competition, which culminated on October 28 with 2Ls Jenny Puckett and Hanna Roberts taking first place. Third-year students Loreli Wright and Ryan Hunnicutt were named runners-up and 2L Connor Bourland was selected as best individual speaker.

The annual competition is sponsored by the OU Law Board of Advocates and the Floyd and Irma Calvert Fund for Law

and Liberty. Competitors research a case currently before the Supreme Court and present oral arguments before tournament judges. This year's case (*Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Pauley*) concerns a church-operated school denied a recycled rubber playground surface from a state nonprofit program. The question is whether the exclusion of churches from an otherwise neutral and secular aid program violates the Free Exercise and Equal Protection Clauses when the state has no valid Establishment Clause concern.

► 2016 Kuntz Award goes to Devon Energy co-founder



Larry Nichols receives the Eugene Kuntz from Dean Joe Harroz.

Larry Nichols, co-founder and chairman emeritus of Devon Energy Corporation, was presented the 2016 Eugene Kuntz Award at the annual Eugene Kuntz Conference on Natural Resources Law and Policy November 4. The award recognized Nichols' many contributions to the energy industry and to oil and gas law in particular.

"We are thrilled to honor Larry Nichols with this year's Kuntz Award," said Dean Joe Harroz. "His contributions to the energy industry and the state of Oklahoma are unmatched and his impressive work in the legal field sets him apart as truly deserving of an honor worthy of the great Eugene Kuntz."

The award is named for former OU Law dean and renowned oil and gas professor, Eugene Kuntz and is awarded annually at the Kuntz Conference, the largest conference focusing on oil and gas law in the nation. The conference is hosted by OU Law and the Oklahoma Bar Association Energy and Natural Resources Law Section.

Nichols co-founded Devon Energy Corporation in 1971, served as its president from 1976 to 2003 and as its chief executive officer from 1980 to 2010. He also served on Devon's board of directors from 1971 to 2016 and as executive chairman of the board from 2000 to 2016.

A lawyer by training, Nichols served as law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justice Tom Clark of the United States Supreme Court. He also served as special assistant to Assistant Attorney General William H. Rehnquist. He earned his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his juris doctorate from the University of Michigan.



Pictured after the award presentation are Karen Kuntz Maloy, Larry Nichols, Travis Maloy and R. Clark Musser ('70).

► California justice delivers 2016 Henry Lecture



Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuellar, of the California Supreme Court, spoke about how our country adapts our legal scheme when confronted with change.

California Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuellar spoke on the changes of the legal scheme in the United States at the 2016 Henry Lecture Series November 21. Cuellar has served on the California Supreme Court since January 2015 and was previously a full-time member of the Stanford University faculty.

Cuellar's presentation, "Adaptation Nation: Three Pivotal Transitions in American Law and Society Since 1890," focused on the changes and adaptations of the United States' legal scheme as new circumstances arise.

The Henry Lecture Series is an annual event initiated in 2000 to inspire and educate future generations of scholars, lawyers and public servants. Five attorneys in the Henry family graduated from the OU College of Law. Robert Henry ('77), president of Oklahoma City University, represented the family at the event.

► Top NATO lawyer speaks with students

The Oklahoma International Law Society and Professor Evelyn Aswad hosted the top lawyer at NATO, Steven Hill, at the OU College of Law November 16. During a talk attended by over a hundred students, he discussed challenging international legal issues involving how NATO addresses cyber challenges, the fight against ISIS and operations in Libya. Following his talk, students met informally with him in the Sneed Lounge for a reception in his honor.

"We have been delighted to host a series of high level speakers on cutting-edge international law issues this semester," remarked Aswad. "We are particularly grateful for Mr. Hill coming to OU Law and sharing his insights on key NATO issues with our students."



Professor Evelyn Aswad introduces Steven Hill.

Faculty changes

► New faces and titles



Kristen van de Biezenbos began this fall as associate professor of law, teaching in OU Law's strategic areas of energy and oil and gas law. Her scholarship primarily focuses on energy and maritime law.

She came to OU from Texas Tech University School of Law, where she taught energy law, oil and gas, international business transactions and admiralty law. Prior to that, she taught at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law and worked in private practice. She earned her law degree from Tulane University Law School.



Liesa Richter was named associate dean for research and scholarship. Joining the OU Law faculty in 2001, Richter is a Thomas P. Hester Presidential Professor of Law and teaches evidence and civil procedure. Her research focuses on federal evidentiary policy and rule-making.

Faculty honors

► Robertson selected as American Bar Foundation Fellow

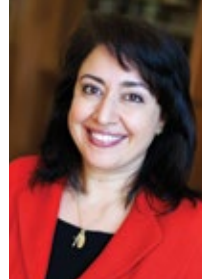


Professor **Lindsay Robertson** was elected by the board of the American Bar Foundation to membership in The Fellows, an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, law faculty and legal scholars. The group supports the research of the American Bar Foundation and sponsors seminars and events

relevant to the legal profession. Membership is limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction.

Beyond the classroom

► Aswad speaks on protecting human rights online



In October, Professor **Evelyn Aswad** spoke at a conference hosted by Stanford University School of Law about a human rights framework that information and communication technology companies can use to protect freedom of expression in their operations.

Later that same month, she spoke at the annual meeting of the Freedom Online Coalition in San Jose, Costa Rica, about a regional online speech code and her concerns about its risks to freedom of expression. The coalition is a partnership of 30 governments seeking to protect fundamental freedoms online. "I was grateful for the opportunity to be part of the global conversation on the pressing issue of how to protect human rights online," said Aswad.

► Henderson testifies on use of drones



Professor **Stephen Henderson** testified in September before the Oklahoma State Senate's Public Safety Committee on the use of drones. The committee is investigating a possible state policy on drone usage and the implications for constitutional rights.

► Aswad, Robertson promote international engagement at Governor's Mansion

Professors Evelyn Aswad and Lindsay Robertson attended the 2016 Consular Summit Luncheon hosted in October by Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin. Consuls general from Germany, Spain, Panama, Canada, the United Kingdom and Japan were in attendance, along with state and tribal government officials; business leaders; and academics. The Oklahoma Governor's International Team periodically hosts consuls general from around the world to strengthen economic and other ties between Oklahoma and other countries.



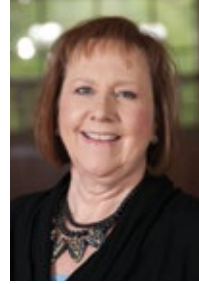
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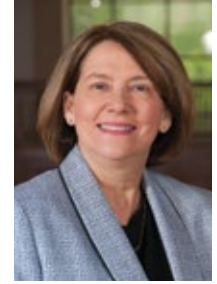
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► Gensler travels to Florida to speak on e-discovery

In October, Professor **Steven S. Gensler** visited the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he was the Fall 2016 Distinguished E-Discovery Speaker. His talk was titled "How E-Discovery Brought All Discovery Back to Its Senses."

The E-Discovery Speaker Series at the Levin College of Law is one element of the college's E-Discovery Project. According to its website, the E-Discovery Project is a multidisciplinary endeavor enhancing litigation competence through electronic discovery law courses, research, the development of information retrieval method and tools, and offering electronic discovery skills training for practicing attorneys and litigation support professionals through public conferences and continuing legal educational offerings.

► ABA taps Smothermon and Means for service

Professor **Connie Smothermon** was reappointed as the American Bar Association Law Student Division co-chair of the National Competitions Committee, which oversees the administration of the four ABA student competitions. Smothermon has served on the committee for eight years, including three years as chair.

In addition, Smothermon and Professor Erin Means were selected to write problems for some of the ABA national competitions. Professor Means is writing the fact patterns for the regional and national negotiation competition and Smothermon is co-authoring the regional and national client counseling fact patterns.

► LRW faculty speak on use of technology at national conference

This past summer, Legal Research and Writing professors **Gail Mullins, Erin Means, Daniel Nicholson** and **Connie Smothermon** presented at the National Legal Writing Institute's 17th Biennial Conference in Portland, Oregon. The conference theme, "Thriving in a Time of Change," centered on approaches to legal writing and research that answer the call for innovation and change in legal education.

The OU Law professors led a presentation and discussion titled "Incorporating iPads into the 1L Legal Writing Curriculum." The presentation stressed the importance of using today's tools to educate today's students in interviewing, note-taking, oral reports and professional self-reflection.

► Ehrman sits on Yale panel

In October, Professor **Monika Ehrman** participated in "A Century of American Conservation," a Yale University series featuring panels focused on celebrating the centennial of the National Parks. The series is co-hosted by the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and the Yale Center on Environmental Law and Policy. Ehrman served as a panelist at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies for the discussion titled "Conflict and Cooperation: Energy Development on Public Lands."

► Gensler plays lead role in “Rules Roadshow”



Professor Gensler interacts with the audience during the Atlanta program.

Professor Steven S. Gensler traveled the United States from coast to coast, north to south and back again in an effort to familiarize lawyers and judges with recent changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure focused on discovery and case management. Gensler served as a moderator, along with Lee H. Rosenthal, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, in the 17-city tour of the program “Hello ‘Proportionality,’ Goodbye ‘Reasonably Calculated’: Reinventing Case Management and Discovery Under the 2015 Civil Rules Amendments,” known fondly as the “Rules Roadshow.”

Presented by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation and the Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies, the program was expanded, due to its popularity, to include four more stops beyond the 13 cities originally planned for the tour. Gensler, who served as a member of the U.S. Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules for six years, was one of the leaders from the rules amendment process who walked attendees through the changes. In addition, panels of local federal judges, magistrates and practitioners discussed the practical implications of the changes.

“Chief Justice John Roberts called upon leaders of the legal profession to ‘step up to the challenge of making real change’ by implementing the Rules in ways that will help engineer ‘a change in our legal culture that places a premium on the public’s interest in a speedy, fair and efficient justice,’” explained Beth Kaufman, co-chair of the Rules Roadshow for the ABA Section of Litigation, and a senior partner at Schoeman & Kaufman LLP in New York.

“Professor Gensler’s commitment to realizing that vision, through his contribution to the Roadshow, was extraordinary and invaluable,” Kaufman said. “Ever the excellent educator, he took the ideas and suggestions of the diverse judges and lawyers on every panel in every city and synthesized them in a way that made sense to the hundreds of people in the room at each venue. This created an understanding and excitement about innovation and creativity in litigation practice that every participant – judge or lawyer – took back with them to their own chambers, their own practices, their colleagues, and that, in the end, will lead to the more efficient and effective administration of justice.”

“Gensler achieved a lifetime ambition and became Phil Donohue, taking a microphone into large audiences and engaging in one-on-one animated conversations about the topic,” commented co-moderator Rosenthal. “He should not, perhaps, give up his day job as a law professor and scholar, but he might have a second career option to consider! The exchanges he instigated greatly enriched, enlivened, and entertained. The discovery rules came to life in ways we don’t usually experience.”

Emphasizing that the series of programs took six months to organize and another six months to present, Kaufman concluded, “The Roadshow could not have been done without Steve.”

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